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To All Readers, Dreamers, Scientists, and Heroes of Tomorrow:

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege, in my role as Chief of Staff for the Future Foundation, and in association with the Marvel Comics Group, to present this -- the Fantastic Four 4nniversary 4dventure Comic Book.

In the pages that follow, you'll get the chance to read -- and see -- the very first adventure that Reed Richards, Susan Storm, Ben Grimm, and Johnny Storm experienced together as they became our beloved Fantastic Four. Told in their own words, with art painstakingly reproduced from the real events, corroborated by the Four's own testimony, and produced under the auspices of the Fantastic Four themselves, this celebration of the start of these four fantastic years will bring you closer to the action, deeper inside their emotions, and right to the edge of your seat with excitement -- all while exercising crucial reading and visual literacy skills that keep adult minds sharp and help developing minds unlock the limitless potential tomorrow's scientists, adventurers, and heroes will need as they grow up and pursue careers in S.T.O.R.M.[1] The future needs you more than ever!

I know I speak on behalf of the Fantastic Four and the Future Foundation when I say thank you for your kind time and attention and, as always...

Stay Fantastic!

Lynne Nichols

Lynne Nichols
Chief of Staff
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[1] Science, Technology, Organizing, Reading, Mathematics.

IT'S THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA OF WONDER AND EXPLORATION!

WHEN FOUR BRAVE SCIENTIFIC ADVENTURERS...

DR. REED RICHARDS
Commander
PhD Astrophysics, Engineering, Mathematics

BEN GRIMM
Pilot
Commander, USAF

DR. SUSAN STORM
Mission Specialist
PhD Archaeology

JONATHAN "JOHNNY" STORM
Flight Engineer
Eagle Scout, BSA

...WOULD CARRY ALOFT THE HOPES AND PRAYERS OF ALL HUMANKIND AS THEY SLIPPED THE SURLY BONDS OF EARTH...

...AND BECAME STELLAR PIONEERS!

BOMBARDED IN A BLAZE OF CELESTIAL RADIATION ON THE CUSP OF THEIR GREATEST TRIUMPH!

THEY LEFT EARTH AS HEROES TO AN ENTIRE GENERATION--

--AND THEY RETURNED TRANSFORMED INTO SOMETHING...

...FANTASTIC!

ROCKET CITY, USA!

A CITADEL OF SCIENCE! THE CELESTIAL CRADLE WHERE EARTH'S INTERSTELLAR DREAMS ARE NURSED INTO REALITY!

IT WAS HERE THE FOUR SEQUESTERED THEMSELVES UPON RETURNING FROM THE INFAMOUS FIRST FLIGHT OF THE **EXCELSIOR**, TAKING UP TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN...

...BUILDING Q!

THE STATE-OF-THE-ART COSMIC QUARANTINE FACILITY WHERE THE FOUR WERE METICULOUSLY MONITORED BY MIRACLE TECHNOLOGIES OF MODERN MEDICAL SCIENCE!

ON TENTERHOOKS, THE WORLD WAITED FOR OUR FOUR HEROES TO EMERGE FROM THEIR BE-CHROMED CONVALESCENCE, A THOUSAND QUESTIONS ON OUR LIPS!

QUESTIONS LIKE...

...WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE THEY DOING IN THERE?

"Our period of self-quarantine allowed us time to better understand how our physiognomies had changed while ensuring we were not a danger to anyone else."

WHEN DO WE GET TO *LEAVE?*

ASK ANOTHER MILLION TIMES, JOHNNY, MAYBE THEN *"DR. RICHARDS"* HERE WILL FINALLY TELL US ALL.

IT'LL BE TIME TO LEAVE QUARANTINE WHEN I *SAY* IT'S TIME, SUE. AND THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL--

--RRAAH!

AWWKLE!

"Reed worries like my Aunt Petunia.

"Smartest guy in the world, but he hasn't figured out he can't control everything."

Reed RICHARDS
"Fantastic Fulminations," SCIENCE DAD Magazine #91.

Ben GRIMM
THE GILBERT/GRIMM INTERVIEWS [Telecast].

REED, SHE WAS BEIN' SARCASTIC.

SUE, STOP PICKIN' ON JOHNNY.

AND, JOHNNY, QUIT MOPIN'.

KPSMASH

ALAS, POOR K.E.R.B.I.E.*

I'M NOT MOPING.

I'M BORED AND SAD AND DON'T KNOW WHY MY LIFE MATTERS ANYMORE OR WHAT IT MEANS.

*Kinetic-type Experimental Robot Biomimetics-Integrated Electronics.

YEAH. "MOPING."

SORRY I DON'T HAVE EXISTENTIAL CERTAINTY EVER SINCE SPACE RAYS TURNED ME INTO A LIVING BARBECUE--

--OH, WAIT, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!

BOYS--

NOW WHO'S MOPING, Y'BIG ROCK BABY--

--BOYS--

GEE, I DIDN'T REALIZE YOUR BODY TRANSFORMED INTO SOMETHING HORRIBLE PERMANENTLY, JOHNNY. THAT MUST BE REAL ROUGH--

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MOPER!

YOU'RE THE MOPER!

YOU'RE THE MOPER!

AHH, SUE? LITTLE HELP?

SUSAN?

DR. STORM...?

...

...

I THINK YOU SHOULD COME SEE THIS.

OH, YOU UNBE*LIE*VABLE...

...CHILDREN!!!

=GASP!=

=GASP!=

"Every living thing--

"--even the FANTASTIC ones--

"--needs oxygen."

Sue STORM
KIDS OF S.T.O.R.M. [Telecast].

NOW, IF YOU'RE ALL QUITE *FINISHED*--

--THERE'S TROUBLE IN *MANHATTAN*...

AN *UNDERSTATEMENT* IF THERE EVER WAS! FOR *THIS* WAS THE DAY THAT...

...CARNAGE BURST FORTH FROM BELOW DELANCEY STREET!

AN **INVASION** FROM **UNDERGROUND** MAKES A MESS OF MIDTOWN MANHATTAN!

EARTHQUAKES ERUPT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, LIVE AT 5.5 ON THE RICHTER SCALE!

ALL BROADCAST LIVE IN GLORIOUS COLOR!

MALICIOUS **MOLOID** MARAUDERS MOCK THE MIGHTY STOCK EXCHANGE!

IT'S A BULL MARKET FOR BRUTALITY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

A RUSH-HOUR RAMPAGE WRECKS A COMMONPLACE COMMUTE FOR MILLIONS OF MANHATTANITES!

AND THE MAN BEHIND IT ALL...?

FOR FAR TOO LONG, MAN HAS **TREAD** AND **BUILT** AND **DUG** INTO THE **WORLD BELOW--**

--OUR WORLD--

--SO **READY YOURSELVES** FOR **WAR!**

THE MALEFICENT **MOLE MAN!**

HOLY **CATS.**

REED, BUDDY, I DUNNO HOW TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...

"...IT'S *TIME.*

"WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE...

"...THEY'RE GONNA NEED *US* TO HELP *STOP* IT."

"I was of two minds in the face of our public debut:

"As 'Dr. Richards,' I knew we were...stable. Changed, of course, but stable.

"But 'Reed' felt GREAT concern..."

Reed RICHARDS
"After Building Q,"
TIMELY Magazine,
Vol. 43, #2.

"For his... *ahh*...

"His COHORT."

REED?

"FAMILY.

"The word he was looking for was 'family.'"

Sue STORM
ABC NEWS
[Telecast].

AND SO, AS NEW YORK CITY FACED A SUBTERRANEAN APOCALYPSE, THE EXPLORERS OF THE EXCELSIOR ONCE MORE LEAPT BRAVELY INTO THE UNKNOWN!

"As great as all my fans are... I always worry about letting everybody down!!!"

Johnny STORM
Reader Q&A, FLAMING HEARTS CLUB FANZINE #13.

"Mole Ma--Mr. ELDER--declared WAR on the surface world.

"That vexed me.

"War is a job for soldiers. Not SCIENTISTS."

Reed RICHARDS
Interview, *The Introspective Introvert Hour,* ABC Radio 770.

"Training in BUILDING Q was like swimming in a lap pool--this would be like diving into the ocean at night with rocks in our pockets.

"So, as we returned to New York, I kept thinking to myself over and over:

"I hope we all remember how to swim."

Sue STORM
To The Young Innovators of Tomorrow. Address to Future Foundation, 2nd Assembly.

"I'd been cooped up with these three big bickering brains so long, all I wanted was a black & white from MAISIE'S and half a chance to PUNCH something.

"If I'm bein' honest."

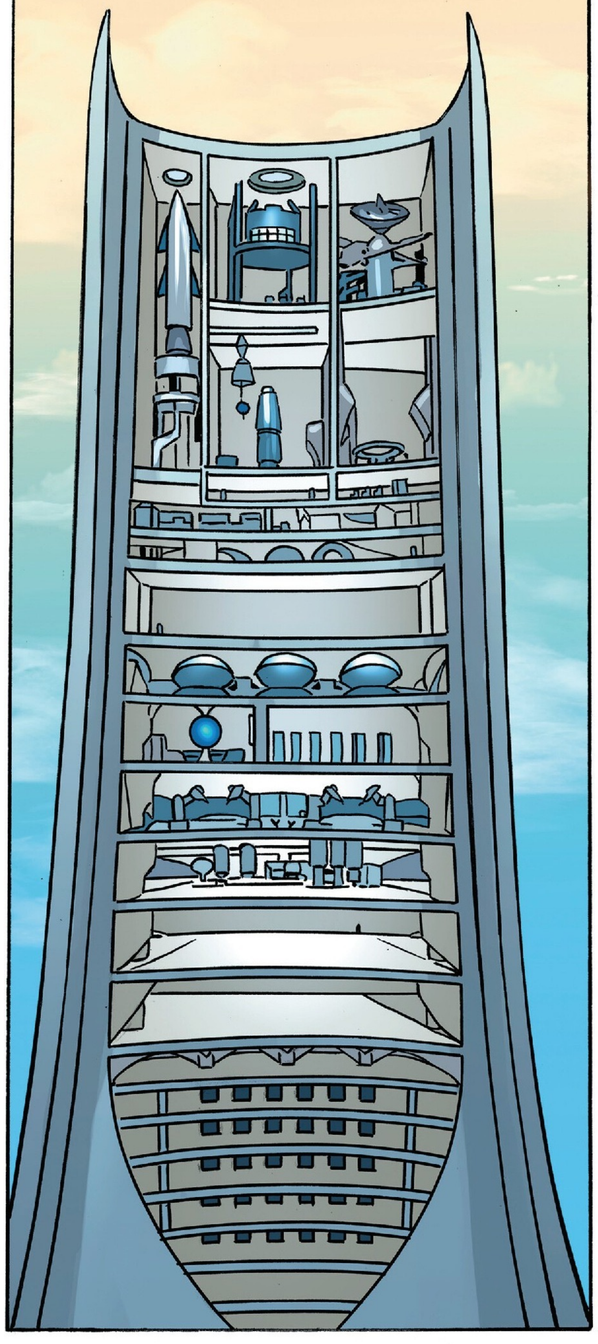
Ben GRIMM
"Yancy Boy Makes Good," *The Yancy Street Yente #18.*

"We had no idea construction of the Baxter Building would provoke Subterranea, because we had no idea Subterranea EXISTED.

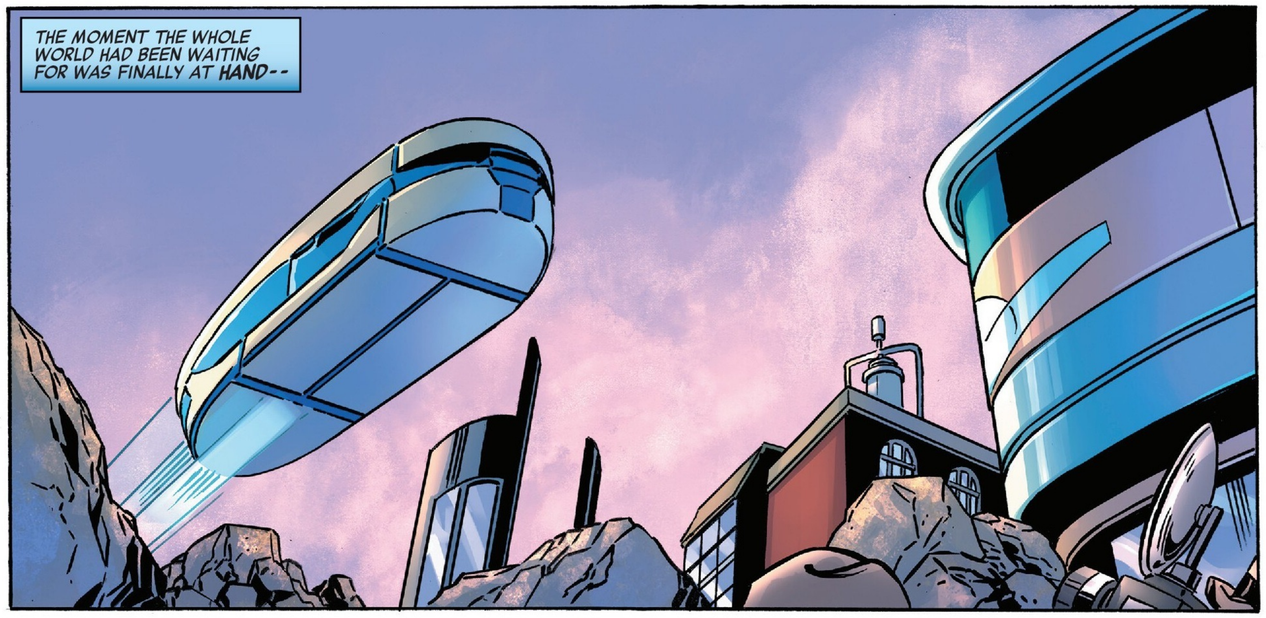
"It was as if we'd stepped into a hornet's nest.

"Only in a place no one knew a hornet's nest could exist."

Reed RICHARDS
Establishing Relations with Subterranea:
House Foreign Affairs Committee, 119th Cong. [Testimony].



THE MOMENT THE WHOLE WORLD HAD BEEN WAITING FOR WAS FINALLY AT **HAND**--



"Even though it was New York, it felt as if we'd landed on a brand-new PLANET.

"That was the moment everything changed for us: It wasn't the mission, it wasn't the accident.

"It was coming home."

Sue STORM
Interview with Millicent Collins, MAKE MINE MILLIE! Magazine #5.

"I thought someone famous had shown up. I mean ACTUALLY famous.

"Then I realized all those cameras were for us! Wild."

Johnny STORM
Interview with Tommy Hanson, FANTASTIC FANS Magazine #8.

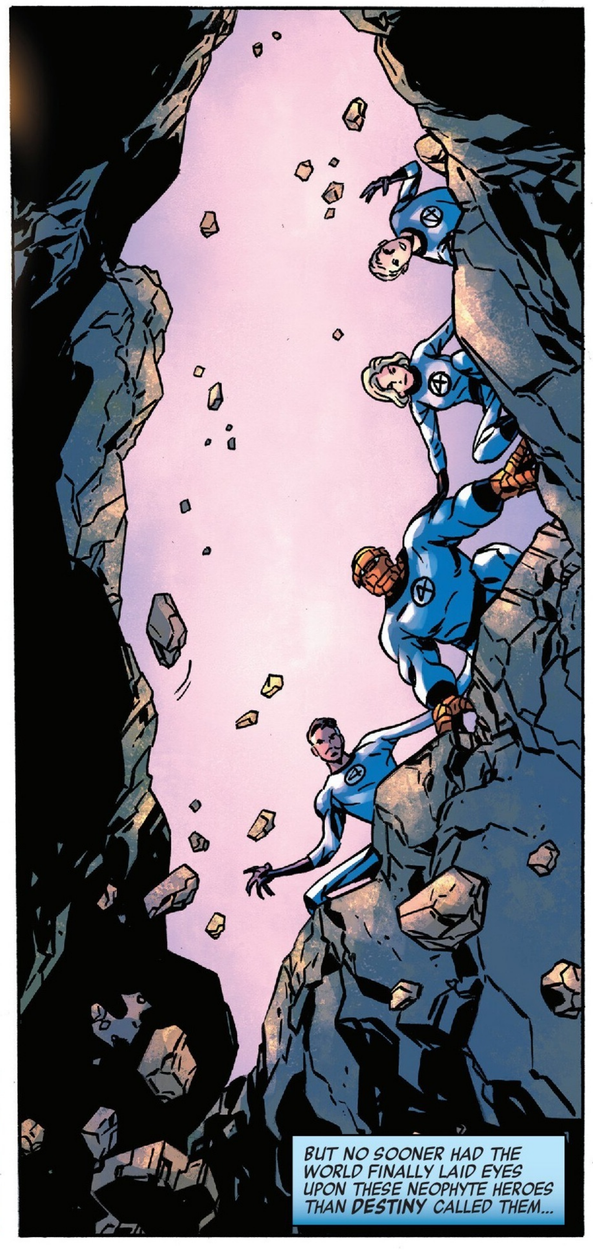
"Our personal discomfort didn't matter.

"We had a job to do. Somehow."

Reed RICHARDS
THE TED GILBERT REPORT [Telecast].

"About time the pride of Yancy Street got on somebody's front page!"

Ben GRIMM
"*Excelsior* Heroes Save Day," THE DAILY GLOBE.



...THROWING THEIR FATES INTO THE FURIOUS MAW OF UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS!

BEN! STOP!

WE HAVE NO STRATEGY, NO TACTICS--

SURE WE DO, STRETCH...

IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

BWORRRGKK~

WHAM!

WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?

JOHNNY--

NO, SERIOUSLY, WHAT DID HE JUST--?

--GET UP THERE. WE NEED YOU--

THEY'RE...

IT'S GONNA FREAK PEOPLE OUT, SUE.

JOIN THE CLUB, STORM.

ANY--

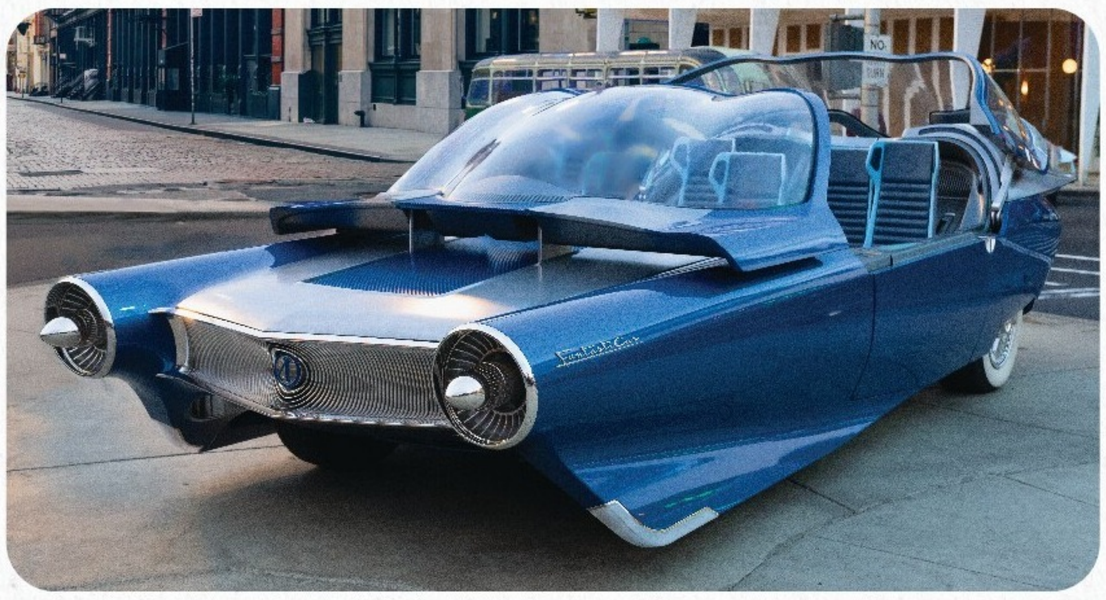
--TIME--

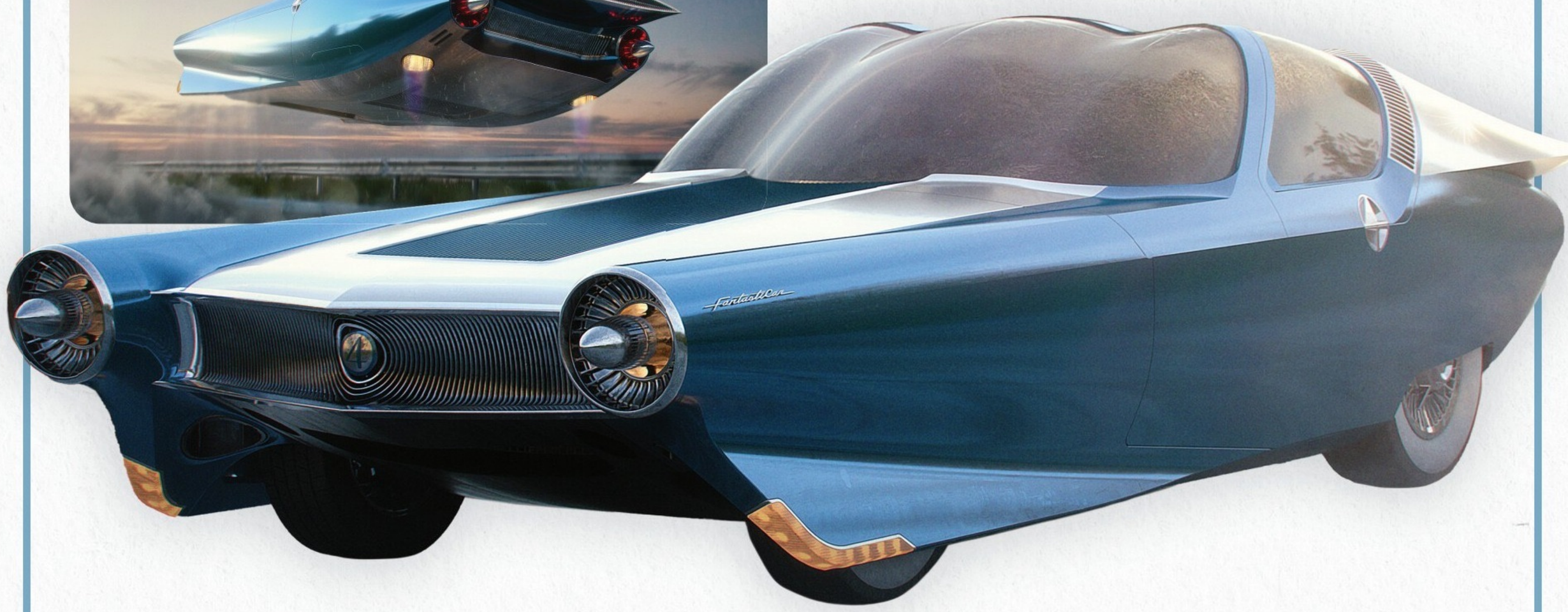
--NOW--

OH FOR THE LOVE OF--

--FLAME ON!

Fly to new heights, in comfort and style, in the all new...





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THEY BEGAN TO BATTLE THE BEAST FROM BELOW AS FRIENDS--

--A FAMILY BOTH **FOUND** AND **FORGED**--

--NOW UNITED IN COMMON CAUSE AGAINST THIS FIENDISH FOE!

JOHNNY STORM--

--THE HUMAN TORCH!

BEN GRIMM--

--THE **THING**!

AND SUE STORM--

REED RICHARDS--

--MR. **FANTASTIC**!

--THE **INVISIBLE WOMAN**!

TOGETHER, THE WHOLE WORLD WATCHED AS THEY BECAME TRANSFORMED YET AGAIN INTO...

...the Fantastic 4!

=GASP=

"See, young geniuses?

"OXYGEN."

Sue STORM
KIDS OF S.T.O.R.M. [Telecast].

"I felt tremendous RELIEF, at first.

"But Giganto was only a distraction.

"Then the Mole Man--excuse me--then MR. ELDER revealed the scale of his full ambition.

"And then I felt fear. Real fear. Not just of the unknown--fear of the ultimately unknowable."

Reed RICHARDS
New York City Council Committee on Public Safety [Testimony].

A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION TURNS LARCENOUS AS THE REVOLT OF SUBTERRANEA UNFOLDS!

PAN AM

THE NEWEST ARCHITECTURAL TRIUMPH DOTTING THE SOARING SKIES ABOVE THE BIG APPLE--STOLEN!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

WELCOME TO THE REAL GROUND FLOOR.

AS CHAOS REIGNED BELOW, NEW YORK LOOKED UP TO THE SKIES FOR SALVATION!

A CATASTROPHE BEYOND IMAGINATION LIKE THIS...

YUP.

THAT'S A REAL BIG HOLE.

...DEMANDED A SOLUTION SIMILARLY STAGGERING IN SCOPE AND SPECTACLE!

AND SO, THE FOUR EMBARKED ON THEIR HEROIC DESCENT...

The Future is Fantastic

Dr. Reed Richards, perhaps better known as Mr Fantastic - one quarter of the Fantastic Four, leads the way in pioneering new breakthroughs.

By CLARE L. COLLINS

In an era of rapid technological advancement and scientific discovery, one man stands at the forefront, driving humanity toward new horizons: Dr. Reed Richards. With a reputation for brilliance and an unwavering commitment to innovation, Richards is revolutionizing the scientific landscape of current times, leading the charge in groundbreaking new discoveries that promise to change the world as we know it.

A Beacon of Innovation

Reed Richards has become a beacon of innovation in various scientific fields. With an insatiable curiosity and a mind that effortlessly bridges theoretical concepts with practical applications, Richards's work is nothing short of revolutionary. His research spans multiple disciplines, including physics, chemistry, and biology, making him a polymath in an age of specialization.

Richards's influence extends beyond Earth, reaching into the vast expanse of space. As an advisor to ANSA, he has played a crucial role in the United States' burgeoning space program.

His theoretical models on propulsion systems and space travel have been instrumental in developing technologies that could make manned missions to the Moon and beyond a reality. Richards's own experience of space travel only adds to this. His vision of space exploration is not just about reaching new frontiers but also about understanding our place in the cosmos and the potential for humanity's future in space.

In the field of biology, Richards's research into genetics is opening new doors to understanding life itself. His groundbreaking work on DNA has shed light on the genetic code, unlocking secrets that could lead to advancements in medicine and agriculture. His studies on gene manipulation hold the promise of eradicating genetic diseases and improving crop yields, heralding a new era of biological innovation that could transform health and food security globally.

Beyond his research, Reed Richards' is deeply committed to education and mentorship. He is renowned for his engaging lectures and his ability to inspire young minds.

Many of his students have gone on to become leading scientists in their own right, a testament to his impact as an educator. His approach to teaching emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, and the importance of questioning established norms, encouraging the next generation to push the boundaries of scientific inquiry.

What sets Reed Richards apart is not just his scientific acumen but also his vision for the future. He is a firm believer in the power of science to improve humanity and is dedicated to ensuring that technological advancements are used for the greater good.

Richards advocates for responsible and ethical scientific practices, emphasizing the need for scientists to consider the societal implications of their work. His work in this field has furthered the progress in responsible science, leading the way for a more ethical future. As we move through this decade, one defined by change and progress, Dr. Reed Richards stands as a symbol of the transformative power of science. His relentless pursuit of knowledge and his dedication to advancing human understanding continue to inspire.

Richards's work is not just about making discoveries; it is about building a legacy of innovation, ethics, and education that will influence generations to come. His peers regard him with the highest respect, and his insights are often sought after at international conferences and symposia.

In a world where the pace of scientific discovery is ever-accelerating, Professor Reed Richards reminds us of the importance of curiosity, perseverance, and the pursuit of knowledge. His contributions are shaping the future, proving that with vision and determination, the possibilities are boundless. As we look to the stars and beyond, Richards's pioneering spirit lights the way, guiding us toward a brighter, more informed future.

Dr. R. Richards works on one of his current projects - reminding us of the importance of curiosity, perseverance, and the pursuit of knowledge. His contributions are shaping the future and proving the possibilities are boundless.

Reed Richards official ANSA portrait

Dr. Reed Richards, is probably most well-known for building the spacecraft that launched the Fantastic Four into their infamous maiden journey. He's a polymath scientist with a genius that spans multiple disciplines, achieving the unthinkable. He built and launched the first functioning spaceship, propelling humanity into a new era of exploration and innovation. His groundbreaking work in aerospace engineering, physics, and materials science culminated in a singular achievement that has forever changed our understanding of what is possible.

Richards's spaceship was a marvel of engineering and ingenuity. Unlike the rudimentary rockets of the time, it was designed for manned spaceflight, incorporating advanced life support systems and a propulsion system far ahead of its time. The ship's propulsion relied on a hybrid chemical-electric system, which provided both the initial thrust to escape Earth's gravity and the sustained power needed for deep space travel.

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Richards's expertise was not confined to theoretical knowledge. He is known for his hands-on approach, and worked alongside engineers and technicians in the development and construction of the ship. His deep understanding of materials science led to the creation of lightweight, heat-resistant alloys that formed the hull of the spacecraft, ensuring both durability and safety in the harsh conditions of space. The successful launch of the ship marked a historic moment. The ship carried a small crew of four astronauts, including Richards himself.

The team launched into space successfully, their goal to gather data on cosmic rays. However, they faced an unexpected and catastrophic challenge. The spacecraft encountered an intense and unanticipated storm of cosmic rays. The cosmic rays penetrated the spacecraft's defenses, bombarding the crew with high levels of radiation. They managed to return to Earth, but the exposure had triggered profound mutations in each of them:

Reed Richards gained the ability to stretch and contort his body into any shape he desired, becoming Mr. Fantastic. Susan Storm discovered she could become invisible and create powerful force fields, earning the moniker Invisible Woman.

Johnny Storm developed the ability to ignite his entire body into flames, fly, and control fire, adopting the name Human Torch. Ben Grimm underwent the most dramatic change, transforming into a super-strong, rock-like creature with immense strength, calling himself The Thing.

These newfound abilities propelled the group into a series of adventures, marking the beginning of their journey as the Fantastic Four.

Despite the catastrophic challenges faced on this mission, it demonstrated not only the viability of human spaceflight but also the potential for extended missions beyond our planet. Richards continues to push the boundaries of science and technology, advocating for international cooperation in space exploration. His vision extends to the establishment of permanent space stations and even the possibility of lunar colonies, ideas that are now at the forefront of scientific discourse.

What sets Reed Richards apart is not just his scientific acumen but also his vision for the future. He is a firm believer in the power of science to improve humanity and is dedicated to ensuring that technological advancements are used for the greater good.

As we look toward the future, Dr. Reed Richards's legacy serves as a reminder of what can be achieved through innovation, collaboration, and an unyielding quest for knowledge. His pioneering work has not only expanded our horizons but has also laid the foundation for humanity's ongoing journey into the stars.

Recommended READING This Month

INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

A Studies Review

By Matthew Kearns

A critical resource for understanding the chemical processes and applications in the industrial sector. This review provides content on chemical manufacturing, process engineering, and environmental considerations. With detailed sections on industrial reactions, materials science, and quality control, this book is designed for students, engineers, and professionals seeking a comprehensive guide.

MICROBIOLOGY:

The Nature of Microscopic Organisms

By Gregor Laing

Dive into the fascinating world of microorganisms. This comprehensive textbook offers an in-depth exploration of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa, shedding light on their vital roles in ecosystems, human health, and industry. Through detailed illustrations, real-world case studies, and the latest research findings, students and professionals alike will gain a thorough understanding of microbial life.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ASTROBIOLOGY

By Jaime Haslan

An in-depth examination of the science dedicated to the search for life beyond Earth. This newly released textbook covers the fundamental principles of planetary science, the conditions required for life, and the techniques used to explore extraterrestrial environments. With a focus on current research and future missions, readers will gain a solid foundation in astrobiology and an appreciation for it.

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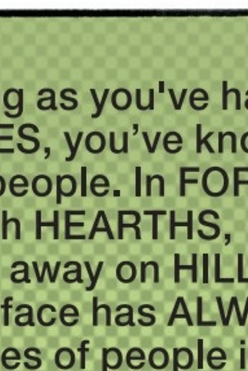
"As long as you've had STORIES, you've known of my people. In FORGES, beneath HEARTHS, hidden away on HILLS--the surface has ALWAYS told tales of people in a world unknown underfoot.

"Problem was, you thought they were only MYTHS."

Harvey ELDER
Emergency Session,
United Nations General Assembly [Address].



BEHOLD **SUBTERRANEA!**

A SECRET CIVILIZATION BENEATH OUR OWN, BRISTLING AS THE **OVERWORLD** THREATENS ITS VERY EXISTENCE!

EVERY PYLON DROPPED, EVERY FOUNDATION POURED, EVERY TUNNEL DUG--AN ACT OF **WAR!**

IT'S HERE, NOT AMONG THE STARS ABOVE BUT IN BATTLE BELOW, THAT THE **TRUE** ORIGIN STORY OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR OCCURS...

BUT WHO **WERE** THESE MYSTERIOUS SUBTERRANEANS?

YOU PEOPLE GOT MY PEOPLE KILLED. SO, YEAH--YOU "STEPPED INTO A HORNET'S NEST."

MINE.

AND YOU GOT A LITTLE **STUNG.**

IF YOUR THOUGHTLESS DESIRE TO **BUILD** WITHOUT REGARD FOR SUBTERRANEA IS NOT CHECKED--

--**YOU!**

WILL!

BURY!

US!

WHAT DID THEY **WANT?** AND **WHY?**

LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT AS OUR PROGRESS PROCEEDED AT LIGHTNING SPEED ABOVE GROUND, BELOW IT, WE HAD CAUSED **CATACLYSM**!

TRAGEDY STRUCK THIS UNDERGROUND MEGALOPOLIS AS MAN ABOVE BEQUEATHED HIS BRETHREN BELOW THE ONSET OF **OBLITERATION!**

AND SO THE LEADER OF SUBTERRANEA DID THE ONLY THING HE COULD TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF HIS PEOPLE.

HE ROSE UP AND SHOUTED:

NO MORE!

--WHAT?

BUT AS IN ANY FIRST ENCOUNTER BETWEEN CULTURES...

...THERE WOULD FIRST COME A **CLASH!**

SUBTERRANEA--

--STOP THEM!

THE ENGINEERING REQUIRED TO STEAL A FIFTY-NINE-STORY SKYSCRAPER IS QUITE IMPRESS--

OPPRESSOR!

WATCH OUT, LADIES, WOULDN'T WANT TO SCORCH YOU.

OH, PERFECT-- JOHNNY SAVES THE SKIRTS...

...MEANWHILE, I GIVE PIGGYBACKS TO *HAMMER*-HEFTIN' *GOBLINS* WITH A *GRUDGE.*

SUE--!

DEATH TO OLIGARCHS!

DEATH TO THE SURFACE WOR-- AAAHH!

DON'T YOU HURT HER!

DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HER!

BUDDY, I'M JUST TRYING TO **CONTAIN** HER--

LET HER GO.

LET HER GO, AND I **SURRENDER** MYSELF INTO YOUR CUSTODY. ALL THIS WILL **STOP.**

PROVE IT.

WORKERS OF SUBTERRANEA!

HALT YOUR COMBAT!!!

I AM NOW A POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE SURFACE WORLD!

DO NOT DESPAIR! RATHER, RETURN TO OUR **HOME! CONTINUE OUR GREAT WORK!**

REMEMBER, COMRADES:

WE BUILD THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE FUTURE!

THAT BROAD WAS **PREGGO** AND SHE FOUGHT LIKE A WILDCAT, REED. THESE PEOPLE ARE **SERIOUS.**

WHAT? **FIGHTING** IN SUCH A CONDITION IS ABSURD.

BOY, FOR A FELLA SO FLEXIBLE, YOU SURE CAN THINK PRETTY RIGID-LIKE, Y'KNOW?

ALL POWER! TO ALL PEOPLE!

UNDERGROUND!

ALL POWER! TO ALL PEOPLE!

JOHNNY TALKS FROM HIS HEART

JOHNNY'S PAST IS WELL-KNOWN. HIS FUTURE IS UNKNOWN - EVEN TO HIM. WE CAUGHT UP WITH OUR FAVORITE FANTASTIC TO FIND OUT 'WHAT'S NEXT?'

If you haven't heard of Johnny Storm yet, where have you been? Johnny has been setting hearts on fire all over the world with his smoldering looks and red-hot personality, since he arrived back from a space mission gone awry four years ago. This super sensation is taking the world by storm, and we've got the inside scoop just for you!

Johnny Storm burst onto the superhero scene with a bang. As the Human Torch, he can burst into flames and fly, making him one of the most exciting heroes around. With his daring rescues and fearless attitude, Johnny has quickly become a favorite among fans.

What makes Johnny so special? It's not just his superpowers. Johnny is known for his fiery nature, both on and off the battlefield. He's got a quick wit and a confident charm that's hard to resist. Whether he's saving the day or just hanging out with his team, Johnny's always bringing the heat.

We know you're dying to find out what's next for Johnny Storm, and we've got the answers! Johnny's been busy with some exciting new projects and adventures but he's also been finding new ways to unwind.

Storm recently discovered his love for golf, finding that hanging out on the course helps him stay present and 'cool down'. He's played with some of the biggest names in the sport and has shown some serious skill with a club. He addressed the rumors that he may be looking to go professional by simply stating; watch this space.

On top of that, Johnny's also hinted at the idea of writing a book about his adventures. The auto-biography would take a look at his life pre-powers and would take a deep dive into life as a superhero.

For now though, Johnny says he is happy with his Fantastic Family, confirming he has no plans to go solo. He talked in detail about his love for his sister Sue, her husband Reed and his best friend Ben, and the life they've built together since their own lives were turned upside down.

Johnny says the other members of the Fantastic Four continually motivate him to be the best superhero (and person) he can be and that he wants to do the same for them.

So there you have it, readers! Keep your eyes on Johnny Storm! Whether he's flying across the New York City skyline as the Human Torch or slowing things down on the golf course, this fiery heartthrob is always on the move. It looks like the Fantastic Four have a long and happy future ahead of them.

Keep checking back for more updates on your favorite stars and the latest in teen culture. Until next time, keep the flame alive!

Q: How do you stay grounded with all this fame?

A: My family and best friend keep me real. And I never forget where I came from.

Q: What's one thing your fans might be surprised to learn about you?

A: I'm actually really into music! I love discovering new albums and have a huge vinyl record collection at home.

Q: What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

A: Stay true to yourself, no matter what. It's something my sister always tells me, and it's stuck with me through everything.

Q: What's your favorite way to unwind after a long day?

A: I love chilling out with some music, or catching a movie at home with my family. I've recently started playing golf too, which I'm really loving. It's a great way for me to slow it down.

Q: What's your idea of a perfect date?

A: Something spontaneous! A surprise picnic at the beach or a late-night drive with the top down.

Q: Who are your biggest inspirations?

A: I'd say my whole team - the Fantastic Four - they're just great. Especially my sister. She's the coolest person I know. Don't tell her that though...

Q: If you weren't a member of the Fantastic Four, what would you be doing?

A: Probably something with cars. Maybe a mechanic or a racer. I've always loved working with my hands and feeling that rush of speed.

Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: I think I'm pretty good at acting. I'd love to give that a proper go in the future.

Q: What's the most challenging part of being in the spotlight?

A: Definitely the lack of privacy. But it's all worth it for the fans! They mean everything to me.

Q: How do you handle criticism?

A: I try to take it constructively and learn from it. Not everyone will like you, and that's okay. I've been pretty lucky so far though! We're so grateful for all the Fantastic Four love.

Q: Do you have a fitness regime?

A: I love keeping fit but I try not to be too strict about it. I just do whatever feels good.

Q: What's your go-to comfort food?

A: Anything cooked by my good pal Ben Grimm. He's a magician in the kitchen.

Q: What advice would you give to teenagers who see you as an idol?

A: I'm just a normal guy! But I would say - never give up and always stay true to yourself. Passion and perseverance are key.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A: Hopefully still doing what I love—hanging out with family every day. And maybe even acting in a film or two!

"Mysteries above, mysteries below. Overnight, the whole world had gotten so much bigger.

"I suppose it's what scientists dream of. But it really has become my nightmare."

Reed RICHARDS
Unstable Molecules: Modern Superscience and Modern Superscientist, 314th St. YMCA [Panel Discussion].

"This couldn't be how these tremendous gifts we'd been given were meant to be used:

"Encountering new people, new worlds, new cultures...and hitting them?

"I refuse to accept that."

Sue STORM
The Visible Woman: Sue Storm and Subterranea [Telecast].

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MISS STORM.

Y'KNOW, I KNEW YOUR ***GRAND-FATHER.***

GREAT TEACHER.

FFT.

YOU STUDIED ***PARTICLE PHYSICS*** AT ***STATE*** WITH PROFESSOR ***J.F. STORM.***

I LOOK LIKE THAT STRINGY COLLEGE-BOY ***DIP*** THAT DOTES ON YOU LIKE A PUPPY? C'MON.

I WORKED THE CAMPUS PHYSICAL PLANT.

OL' JOHN TAUGHT US WORKIN' SLOBS HOW TO ***ORGANIZE.***

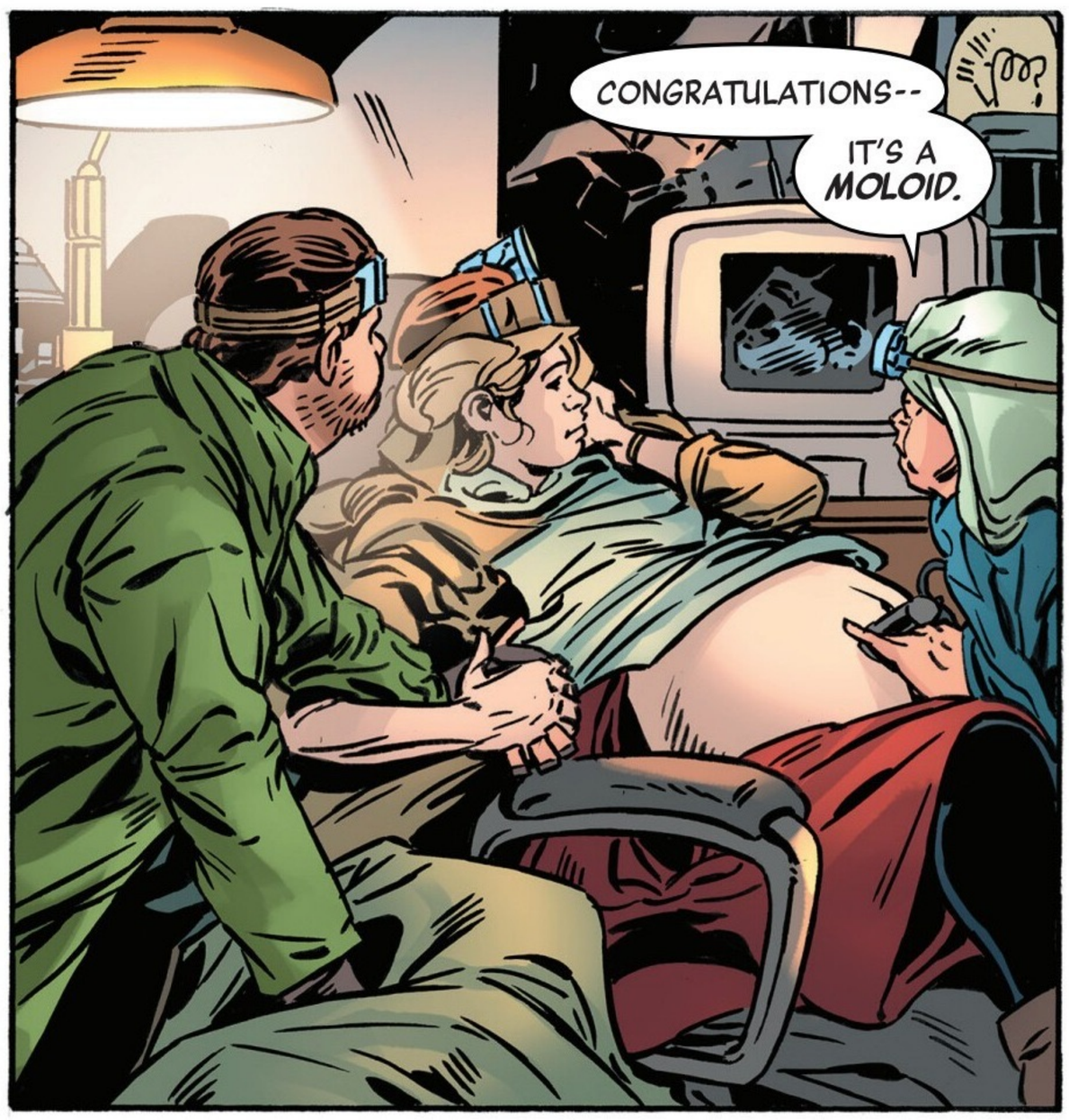
HE MADE ME A ***LEADER.***

"Politics is POWER of the moment. And political power unused is power WASTED. And power wasted is power LOST.

"And power lost never comes back. Especially in politics.

"So when YOUR moment comes--SEIZE IT."

Harvey ELDER
GET ORGANIZED!
Labor Politics Below Ground and Above.



"We FIGHT for what we LOVE.

"My grandfather taught me that all politics is LOCAL. And that LOCAL... means personal.

"It means what affects our communities. Our neighbors. Our FAMILIES."

Sue STORM
The Future of Labor,
Workingman's Local 616
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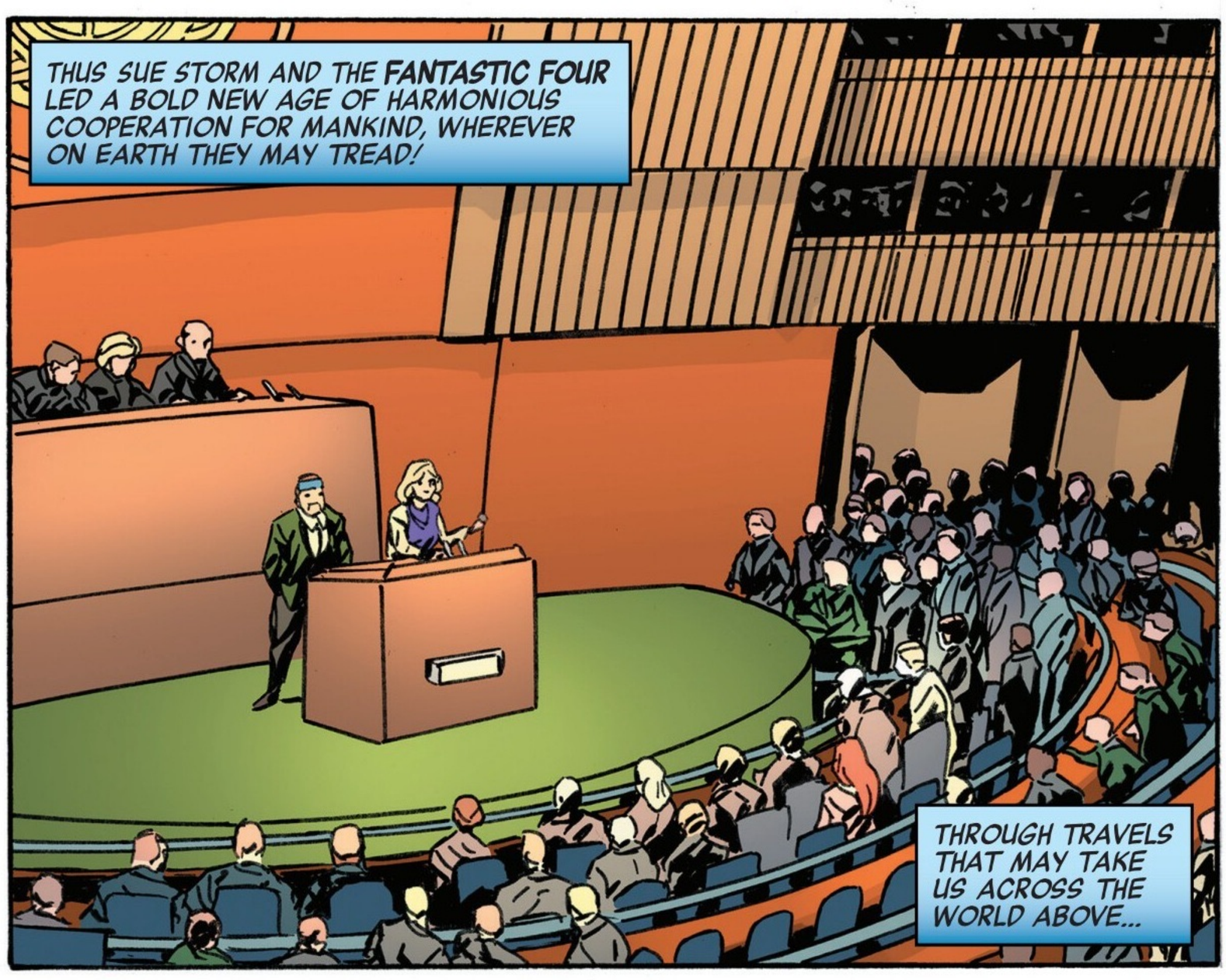

...OR INTO THE **NEW** WORLD JUST BELOW, NOW ALIVE AND THRIVING IN HARMONY!

FOR ALL OF HUMANITY-- MAN AND MOLOID ALIKE-- FORMS THE GREAT **FIRST FAMILY** OF **EARTH!**

AND **THE FANTASTIC FOUR** HAVE SHOWN US THAT'S SOMETHING AS TRUE TODAY AS IT WILL BE TOMORROW...

...AS WE ALL TAKE OUR **FIRST STEPS** TOGETHER INTO OUR **FANTASTIC FUTURE!**

HEH. "IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME..."

SHUDDUP.

SO STAY **FANTASTIC,** TRUE BELIEVERS!

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you see stars!

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